

INFORMATION FOR THE FOURTH QUARTERLY REPORT OF FY 1954

NIS PROGRAM

The rate of production by the contributing agencies increased considerably during the final quarter of FY 1954, resulting in 82% fulfillment of the numerical commitment for the year, which is substantial attainment of the 8 NIS per year goal set by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During FY 1954 D/B processed 20% more items than were received. This has resulted in about 60% reduction of the items in D/B in excess of the normal workload which prevailed at the beginning of the year. A large portion of the work on hand at present was received during June as the contributing agencies made a concerted effort to meet their FY 54 commitment, and it is estimated that D/B processing will attain current status by the end of the first quarter of FY 1955.

A new system of control of dissemination of NIS was put into operation during the last quarter of FY 1954 which insures distribution of NIS in accordance with precise requirements of the using agencies. The system enables D/B to establish press runs based upon actual requirements with a uniform reserve stock of all NIS elements.

A new loose leaf format was developed for the NIS Gazetteers, which makes it possible to insert correction and supplemental name lists to keep them current. While the new format is a considerable improvement over the old form from the standpoint of usability, durability, and appearance, the cost of publishing them will not substantially increase.

The first NIS Chapter I (Brief) on NIS Area No. 33 (Iran), which has been in production in D/B and the IAC Agencies, was published during the Fourth Quarter of FY 1954. The publication of this Chapter makes available the first complete NIS produced on an area under the NIS Program, and fulfills a long standing requirement of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other high level users for the Chapter which is considered the most important single element in the NIS Program. Additional Chapters I will be produced as rapidly as status of production on other areas warrants, and six more are scheduled for this fiscal year.

BASIC DIVISION

Contributing agencies fulfilled 73% of the numerical commitments in the first three quarters of this fiscal year, and it is expected that this rate of production will be maintained during the final quarter.

D/B processed 46% more items than it received during the period 1 July through 31 March. This has resulted in a reduction of the backlog from 54,799 pages of text and graphic items on hand 1 July 1953 to 39,493 such items on 31 March 1954 - a 28% reduction. Present indications are that the backlog in D/B, which was a matter of serious concern at the start of this fiscal year, will be reduced to a current basis by the end of the year.

The first NIS Chapter I (Brief) on NIS Area No. 33 (Iran), which has been in production in D/B and the IAC Agencies, will be published about 15 June 1954. The publication of this Chapter makes available the first complete NIS produced on an area under the NIS Program, and fulfills a long standing requirement of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and other high level users for the Chapter which is considered the most important single element in the NIS Program. Additional Chapters I will be produced as rapidly as status of production on other areas warrants, and six more are now scheduled for the coming fiscal year.

The NIS Committee in collaboration with the IAC Agencies conducted a survey to determine user reaction to the NIS for the purpose of obtaining guidance in the long range development of the NIS Program. Some 350 replies received in response to the questionnaire contain comments and suggestions from all levels of users, many of which will prove helpful in future planning of the Program. The replies show a widespread use and need for the NIS, and indicate it generally satisfies the basic intelligence requirements of the users. The higher Commands and Staffs show the greater appreciation of the need for the NIS both in peace and in the event of war and they urge the completion of NIS on all areas with the least possible delay. They further urge an accelerated maintenance program. Replies are now being carefully analyzed in preparation for a full report on the results of this survey.

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